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CONNECTING HOLES WITH A TUBE END

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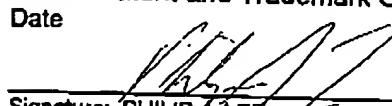
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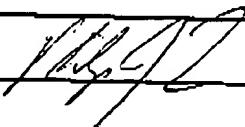
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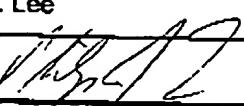
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